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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ROMULO ON CHINA VISIT, SPRATLYS

1. ACCORDING PRESS, FORSEC ROMULO TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE FOR ADB JOURNALISTS SEMINAR ON JULY 21 THAT HE WILL NOT RAISE QUESTION OF SPRATLY ISLANDS DISPUTE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO CHINA, BUT IF SUBJECT COMES UP, "I WILL STATE THE PHILIPPINE POSITION AS CLEARLY AND LOGICALLY AS I CAN."

2. PRESS HAS CONFLICTING REPORTS ON TIMING OF CHINA TRIP, ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED FOR AUGUST. ACCORDING "BULLETIN TODAY," ROMULO SAID IT WOULD BE "IN OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER" BECAUSE HE IS COMMITTED TO ATTEND UNGA. MORE LIKELY VERSION IN "TIMES JOURNAL" SAID DATE WOULD BE SET AFTER ROMULO CONSULTS WITH HIS CHINESE COUNTERPARTS IN NEW YORK, IMPLYING LATER THAN SEPTEMBER. (PRC EMBOFF TOLD AUSTRALIANS RECENTLY THAT TRIP HAD BEEN POSTPONED AND SPECULATED IT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.) SULLIVAN

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